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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has renewed his rejection of claims 18 and 19 in a preliminary response sent on September 23, 2004. In a brief telephone interview conducted on September 29, 2004 the applicant's attorney Mr. William Collard and the Examiner agreed preliminarily that the above amendments to claims 18, and 19 would be sufficient to overcome the existing art and may put this application in condition for allowance. In addition the applicant has added new claim 20 which is a new independent claim. The applicant believes that this new claim is patentable over the above cited references taken either singly or in combination.

Accordingly the applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the remaining claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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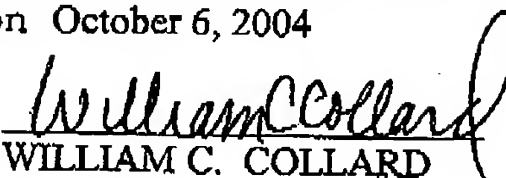


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